

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a filled halobutyl elastomer comprising admixing a halobutyl elastomer, particles of filler and an additive which has at least one hydroxyl group and one basic nitrogen-containing group, and curing the resulting filled ~~brominated butyl~~ halobutyl elastomer,

wherein the additive is an aminoalcohol[.].

wherein the filled halobutyl elastomer consists essentially of a halobutyl elastomer, particles of a filler, an additive, a curing agent, and optionally another elastomer.

Claims 2-6. Cancelled.

7. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the aminoalcohol is a compound of formula HO-A-NH₂ wherein A is a linear or branched C₁ to C₂₀ alkylene group

8. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 7, wherein A is a C₁ to C₄ alkylene group.

9. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, 3-amino-1-propanol, N,N-dimethylethanolamine and mixtures thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of additive used results in a nitrogen level in the filled halobutyl elastomer of from 0.1 to 5 parts per hundred parts of elastomer

11. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 10, wherein the amount of additive used results in a nitrogen level in the filled halobutyl elastomer of from 0.125 to 1 parts per hundred parts of elastomer.

12. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the filler is silica or carbon-black or a mixture thereof.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the filled halobutyl elastomer is cured with 0.3 to 2.0 parts by weight of sulfur.

15. (Previously Presented) A filled, cured halobutyl elastomer composition prepared by a process according to Claim 14.

16. (Currently Amended) A filled, cured elastomer composition ~~according to Claim 14~~ in the form of a tread for a vehicle tire[.], wherein the filled cured elastomer is prepared by admixing a halobutyl elastomer, particles of a filler, an aminoalcohol, and curing the resulting filled halobutyl elastomer.

17. (Currently Amended) A filled, cured elastomer composition ~~according to Claim 14~~ in the form of an innerliner for a vehicle tire[.], wherein the filled cured elastomer is prepared by admixing a halobutyl elastomer, particles of a filler, an aminoalcohol, and curing the resulting filled halobutyl elastomer.